



"Finally going back!"

Do you need another friend?

Try introducing yourself to a non-traditional student. They could have some of the most interesting stories that you've ever heard and come from all walks of life. For instance

-The woman behind you might be a single mother of three and is trying to still manage to get her degree.

-The person next to you may have served in the military and traveled the world before coming back, would you not like to hear their stories of other countries? Maybe learn another language from them?

Don't be afraid to meet people outside your age group.

Non-Traditional Students!

About Them

In today's society the number of non-traditional style students is increasing significantly. On average %11 percent of the students sitting with you in orientation are what we call non-traditional students.

What does it mean to be Non-traditional?

Being a traditional college student means that you went the route of graduating high school being lucky enough to receive grants and scholarships or took out a large student loan and moved right along to college. Non-traditional students are ones that did not follow that route for one reason or another. Regardless of their reasoning they are either starting now at an older age, Continuing to get their degree for more than 6 years or more, or going to school online. In order to accommodate their lives. Most non-traditional students have a more demanding personal lives than your average student so fitting their schedules and making them work is, hard work but a key factor in their success.



NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS



Study Group?

While it's true that many non-traditional students have a busy personal life, it is also true that whether it be from there age or lack of required recent study habits on average non-traditional student have a lower average score on standardized test and over all class grades then traditional students. Despite how much more school might mean for some of them some just can't get there on their own and need some help. So if you're creating a study group think about asking some of your older classmates to join you. They probably feel as awkward asking to join as you do asking them but at least they would know they are welcome. On average 78% of non-traditional students worked or participated in groups for longer than a year. Before returning to school. So that is helpful information too, isn't it?

Don't Be Shy Say Hi!

"Make a friend in someone different"

Study with all your fellow students!

Learn Something New!

Become a non-traditional student?

Become an online student as well as in class?
Take some CLEPs? Get through school faster?

Talk to your Fellow students doing it every day!



Managing school and life

"Last semester I missed 6 days of classes total and passed but didn't do as well as I would of liked to on my finals because my son had the chicken pocks and decided to share with his little sister the following week." Anonymous –mother of Three

"I wish that I could find people in the same class that would be able to study later at night I have to take care of my daughter. It's hard being a single father" Anonymous-single father